

## **Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting**

### **Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center**

March 3, 2004

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Renee Baumgartner, Peter Gilkey, Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Jim Hutchison, Edward Kame'enui, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Brad Shelton, and Debbie Nankivell.

#### **Men's & Women's Basketball Scheduling**

Discussed the possibility of the men's and women's basketball teams participating in either the NCAA or NIT post-season tournaments this season. Both tournaments would involve playing during finals week. Post-season competition is important for all athletic programs. If the men's team participates in the NIT, the first game will likely be at Mac Court with little or no missed class time. A UO professor will join each team on the road during the Pac-10 tournaments to proctor tests scheduled during dead week.

Also discussed scheduling the Ducks' men's team to play two games with the University of Illinois over the next two years, one game in Portland and the other in Chicago. Concerns have been raised on campus about the Ducks agreeing to play Illinois, a team represented by a mascot that some people feel portrays a negative image of Native Americans. The department is following the lead of the NCAA which is handling the issue of several controversial mascots on a national level. Copies of a recent article from the *News-Gazette* from Champaign, Illinois were distributed. The article addresses how the University of Illinois's trustees are dealing with the mascot issue.

#### **Arena Project Follow-up**

Bill Moos updated the committee on the status of the arena project. A number of issues contributed to the recent decision to place the project on indefinite hold. There is no doubt that a replacement for Mac Court will be needed in the near future. In fact, the condition of Mac Court and its facilities played a role in the NCAA choosing not to approve the university hosting future rounds of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

The department and university are not currently involved in plans to reactivate the arena project. Other parties (donors, community leaders, local business people) have expressed interest in coming together to look at the possibility of building a new arena which would most likely not be located on campus.

#### **University Senate Resolution US03/04-3**

Discussed the resolution passed by the university senate to join the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA). The resolution was passed despite the lack of clarity on exactly what joining COIA means to the university. COIA does not have an organizational structure, procedures, or bylaws and its framework is not binding on the university. It appears that the senate's passage of the resolution was a symbolic gesture indicating agreement that significant changes are needed in college athletics.

**Next IAC Meeting**

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, in the Johnson Hall Room.

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